

## Support Parochial, State Regents Urged

Albany—(NC)—A spokesman for the statewide Catholic school system urged the New York State Board of Regents here to support some plan of aid to nonpublic school students during the current school year.

J. Alan Davitt, executive director, State Council of Catholic School Superintendents, who also served as spokesman for the State Catholic Committee, an organization of the eight dioceses in the state, said such aid is needed now "more than ever."

He underscored the close interrelationship between decline in nonpublic school enrollments and increase in public school expenditure, brought on by the financial crises faced by nonpublic schools.

Davitt said there are some 700,000 students in Catholic elementary and high schools in the state. He estimated that some 30,000 dropped out of the Catholic system last year and enrolled in public schools. He estimated the number of dropouts this year will be between 35,000 and 40,000. He estimated the increase in public school students this year will cost the state taxpayers about \$32 million.

Davitt complimented the regents, who administer the state public education system, for repeated recommendations for re-

peal of the so-called Blaine Amendment in the state constitution, which prohibits state aid to religious affiliated schools and institutions.

"We ask the regents to endorse and sponsor an aid measure, such as was presented last year, in the form of tuition assistance for parents based on need," Davitt said, pointing out such aid is considered constitutional by the state Education Department.

## Go Beyond Vatican II, Cardinal Urges

Brussels.—(NC)—Cardinal Leo Suenens urged a world congress of theologians to help solve problems left unsettled by the Second Vatican Council, move beyond the council's decrees and make ready for "the next phase in the history of the Church."

In the opening address at the biggest theological gathering since the council ended in 1965, the Belgian cardinal envisioned a "third Vatican Council" that he hoped would be one of Catholic-Orthodox-Anglican-Protestant reunion — with Jerusalem rather than Rome the place.

The six-day congress brought together 222 theologians and

800 observers to explore the future of the Church.

Cardinal Suenens asked the congress participants to give priority to three urgent problems that he said were left in suspense since Vatican II and on which further research was needed.

He identified the first as a conflict within the council's constitution on the nature of the Church, with one chapter a dynamic approach to community and the next chapter a static one showing the Church as mainly hierarchical and institutional.

The next point the cardinal

asked the theologians to study was the question of two sources of Revelation, which is "another problem not conclusively settled at the Council."

Debate on how to reconcile the claims of Scripture and those of Tradition caused the first real confrontation in 1962 at the Vatican Council.

The third problem mentioned by Cardinal Suenens surrounds the "hierarchy of truths." He quoted the council decree on ecumenism where it says theologians involved in ecumenical dialogue should remember that "in Catholic teaching there exists an order or 'hierarchy' of truths."

## Non - Smokers Show Increase

San Diego—(RNS)—More than 13 million Americans are reported to have kicked the smoking habit since 1966, bringing to 29 million the number who are now members of the nation's "unhooked generation."

Nearly two thirds of the adult population are now non-smokers, according to a survey cited here at the first National Conference on Smoking and Health. Less than a decade ago, nearly half the adult population smoked.

And for the first time since the "emancipated American female" began smoking in public a half century ago, cigaret smoking among adult women has reportedly declined.

Dr. Daniel Horn, director of the National Clearing House for Smoking and Health which conducted the survey, said there are now 300,000 fewer female smokers than there were in 1966, despite a population increase of about 3 million adult women.

In the over-all population, there are 4.5 million fewer smokers in the U.S. than there were in 1966, despite an estimated gain of more than 8 million. Represented in the survey was a sample of 5,000 Americans 21 years and older.

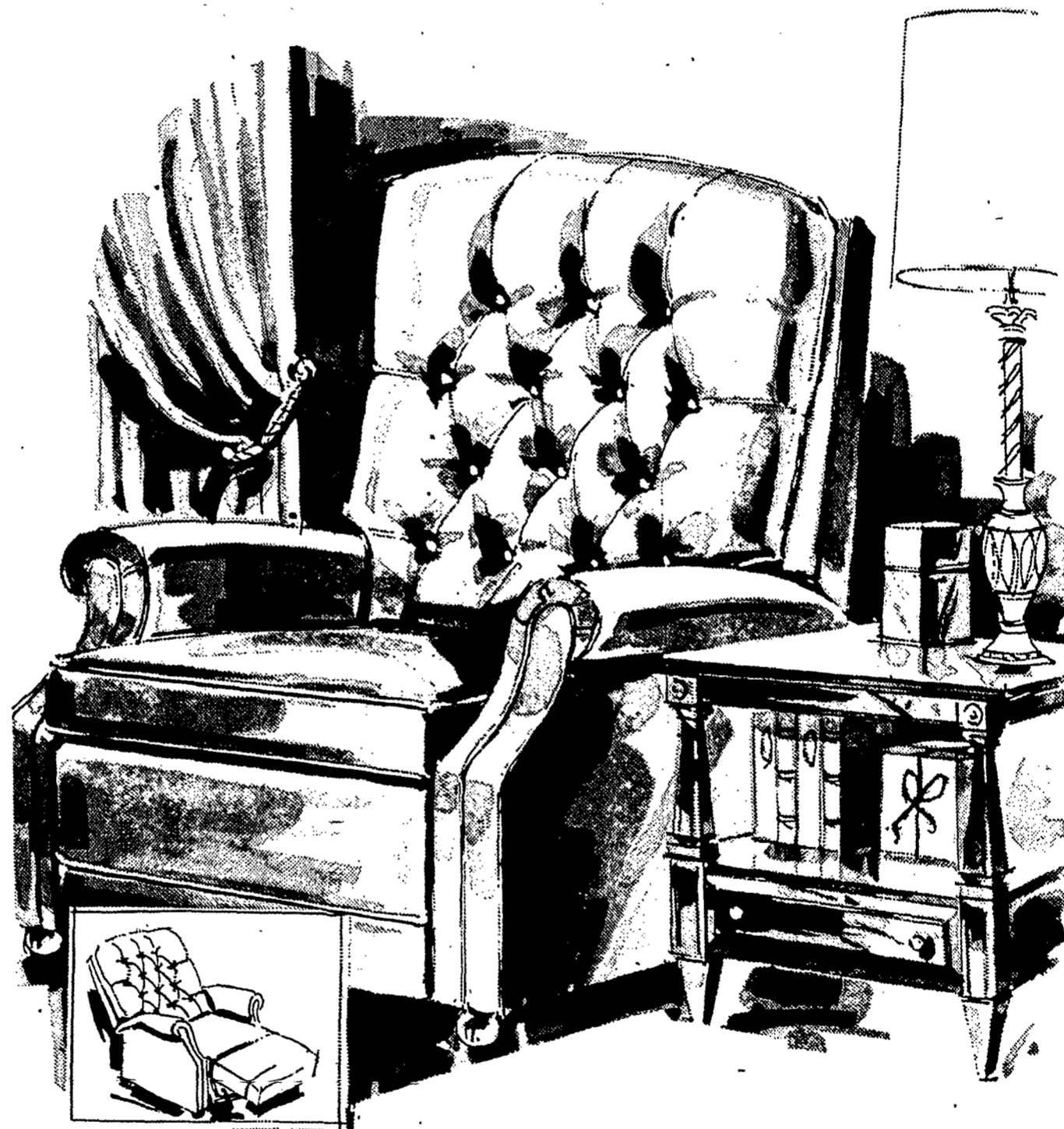
Dr. Horn told the 300 conference participants that 42 per cent of American men and 31 per cent of women smoked cigarets in 1970 compared with 52 per cent of men and 34 per cent of women in 1966.

U.S. Surgeon General Jesse L. Steinfeld told the conference here that cigaret smoking was a "chronic form of suicide," and promised continued government support to help halt it.

"I believe the time is ripe for government and voluntary groups to mount a much more vigorous program on all fronts to portray cigaret smoking for what it is—a dirty, smelly, foul, chronic form of suicide with the added uncertainty of Russian roulette for the individual smoker," he declared.

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